

1. A method of folding an airbag cushion comprising the steps of:
 - providing an airbag cushion, the airbag cushion having a cushion throat, a windshield face, an occupant face, first and second lateral sides, and a cushion end;
 - 5 flattening the windshield and occupant faces of the airbag cushion;
 - folding the first and second lateral sides of the airbag cushion inwardly;
 - and
 - contraction folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the airbag cushion is an overhead airbag cushion.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of folding the first and second lateral sides of the airbag inwardly comprises flattening them against a face of the airbag cushion.
- 15 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of folding the first and second lateral sides of the airbag inwardly comprises flattening them against the windshield face of the airbag cushion.

5. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of folding the first and second lateral sides of the airbag inwardly comprises flattening them against the occupant face of the airbag cushion.

6. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of folding the first and second
5 lateral sides of the airbag inwardly produces an overlap.

7. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the windshield face of the airbag cushion.
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9. The method of claim 7, wherein rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the occupant face of the airbag cushion.

15 10. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises accordion-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

11. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises accordion-folding a portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat and wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

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12. The method of claim 11, wherein wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the windshield face of the airbag cushion.

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13. The method of claim 11, wherein wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the occupant face of the airbag cushion.

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14. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of folding the first and second lateral sides of the airbag cushion inwardly comprises tucking the first and second lateral sides inwardly.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the windshield face of the airbag cushion.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the occupant face of the airbag cushion.

18. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises accordion-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

19. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises accordion-folding a portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat and wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the windshield face of the airbag cushion.

21. The method of claim 19, wherein wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the occupant face of the airbag cushion.

22. The method of claim 1, wherein the airbag cushion further comprises a
5 head region adjacent to the cushion throat.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein the step of folding the first and second lateral sides of the airbag cushion inwardly is preceded by a step of folding the head region of the airbag cushion inwardly.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein the step of folding the head portion of
10 the airbag cushion inwardly comprises flattening the head region of the airbag cushion against the occupant face of the airbag cushion.

25. The method of claim 23, wherein the step of contraction folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

15 26. The method of claim 25, wherein rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the windshield face of the airbag cushion.

27. The method of claim 25, wherein rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the occupant face of the airbag cushion.

5 28. The method of claim 23, wherein the step of contraction folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises accordion-folding a portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

10 29. The method of claim 22, wherein the step of contraction folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is followed by folding the head region of the airbag cushion about the contraction-folded portion of the airbag cushion.

15 30. A method of folding an overhead airbag cushion comprising the steps of:
providing an overhead airbag cushion, the overhead airbag cushion having
a cushion throat, a windshield face, an occupant face, first and second lateral
sides, and a cushion end;
flattening the windshield and occupant faces of the airbag cushion;
folding the first and second lateral sides of the overhead airbag cushion
inwardly against a face of the airbag cushion to narrow the airbag cushion to a
desired width; and
contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the
cushion throat.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein the step of folding the first and second lateral sides of the airbag inwardly against a face of the airbag cushion comprises flattening them against the windshield face of the airbag cushion.

32. The method of claim 30, wherein the step of folding the first and second lateral sides of the airbag inwardly against a face of the airbag cushion comprises flattening them against the occupant face of the airbag cushion.

33. The method of claim 30, wherein the step of folding the first and second lateral sides of the airbag inwardly against a face of the airbag cushion produces an overlap.

34. The method of claim 30, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

35. The method of claim 34, wherein rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the windshield face of the airbag cushion.

36. The method of claim 34, wherein rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the occupant face of the airbag cushion.

37. The method of claim 30, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises accordion-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

38. The method of claim 30, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises accordion-folding a portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat and wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

39. The method of claim 38, wherein wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the windshield face of the airbag cushion.

40. The method of claim 38, wherein wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the occupant face of the airbag cushion.

41. A method of folding an overhead airbag cushion comprising the steps of:
providing an overhead airbag cushion, the overhead airbag cushion having
a cushion throat, a windshield face, an occupant face, first and second lateral
sides, and a cushion end;

5 flattening the windshield and occupant faces of the airbag cushion;
tucking the first and second lateral sides of the overhead airbag cushion
inwardly to narrow the airbag cushion to a desired width; and
contraction-folding the overhead airbag cushion from the cushion end
toward the cushion throat.

10 42. The method of claim 41, wherein the step of contraction-folding the
overhead airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises
rolling the overhead airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

15 43. The method of claim 42, wherein the step of rolling the overhead airbag
cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the
windshield face of the overhead airbag cushion.

44. The method of claim 42, wherein the step of rolling the overhead airbag
cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the occupant
face of the overhead airbag cushion.

45. The method of claim 41, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises accordion-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

46. The method of claim 41, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises accordion-folding a portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat and wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

47. The method of claim 46, wherein wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the windshield face of the airbag cushion.

48. The method of claim 46, wherein wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the occupant face of the airbag cushion.

49. A method of folding an overhead airbag cushion comprising the steps of:
providing an overhead airbag cushion, the overhead airbag cushion having
a cushion throat, a head region, a windshield face, an occupant face, first and
second lateral sides, and a cushion end;

5 flattening the windshield and occupant faces of the airbag cushion;
folding the head region of the overhead airbag cushion inwardly;
folding the first and second lateral sides of the overhead airbag cushion
inwardly against a face of the airbag cushion to narrow the airbag cushion to a
desired width; and
10 contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the
cushion throat.

50. The method of claim 49, wherein the step of folding the head region of the
overhead airbag cushion inwardly comprises flattening the head region of the overhead
airbag cushion against the occupant face of the overhead airbag cushion.

15 51. The method of claim 49, wherein the step of folding the head region of the
overhead airbag cushion inwardly comprises flattening the head region of the overhead
airbag cushion against the windshield face of the overhead airbag cushion.

20 52. The method of claim 49, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag
cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises rolling the airbag
cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

53. The method of claim 50, wherein rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the windshield face of the airbag cushion.

54. The method of claim 50, wherein rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the occupant face of the airbag cushion.

55. The method of claim 49, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises accordion-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

10 56. The method of claim 49, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises accordion-folding a portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat and wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

15 57. The method of claim 56, wherein wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the windshield face of the airbag cushion.

58. The method of claim 56, wherein wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the occupant face of the airbag cushion.

59. A method of folding an overhead airbag cushion comprising the steps of:
5 providing an overhead airbag cushion, the overhead airbag cushion having a cushion throat, a head region, a windshield face, an occupant face, first and second lateral sides, and a cushion end;
folding the head region of the overhead airbag cushion inwardly;
flattening the windshield and occupant faces of the airbag cushion;
10 tucking the first and second lateral sides of the overhead airbag cushion inwardly to narrow the airbag cushion to a desired width; and
contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

60. The method of claim 59, wherein the step of folding the head region of the overhead airbag cushion inwardly comprises flattening the head region of the overhead airbag cushion against the occupant face of the overhead airbag cushion.
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61. The method of claim 59, wherein the step of folding the head region of the overhead airbag cushion inwardly comprises flattening the head region of the overhead airbag cushion against the windshield face of the overhead airbag cushion.

62. The method of claim 59, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

5 63. The method of claim 62, wherein rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the windshield face of the airbag cushion.

64. The method of claim 62, wherein rolling the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the occupant face of the airbag cushion.

10 65. The method of claim 59, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises accordion-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

15 66. The method of claim 59, wherein the step of contraction-folding the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat comprises accordion-folding a portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat and wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat.

67. The method of claim 66, wherein wrap-folding a remaining portion of the airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the windshield face of the airbag cushion.

68. The method of claim 66, wherein wrap-folding a remaining portion of the
5 airbag cushion from the cushion end toward the cushion throat is conducted toward the occupant face of the airbag cushion.